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$45.2 MILLION DEMANDED

Colonies Partners to county: Pay up

Developer wants to recoup what it spent on its defense, says case should not have been brought

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San Bernardino County owes $45.2 million to Rancho Cucamonga developer Colonies Partners, the cost of civil and criminal litigation that spiraled upward for years over a flood control basin in Upland, according to a demand letter hand-delivered Tuesday to the Board of Supervisors.

The letter outlining the informal indemnification demand, plus nearly inch-thick binders of summaries, supporting legal documents and a breakdown of costs — including $32 million in legal bills — was sent to each supervisor's office as well as the county counsel, supervisors were told at their regular public meeting at the County Government Center.

Stephen Larson, who represented Colonies co-managing partner Jeff Burum in the criminal case, made the presentation to the board and said it was in advance of an anticipated Dec. 5 closed-session meeting to review the letter's demands.

Larson

"As we have told the county's attorneys on numerous occasions, Colonies sincerely wishes to end this wasteful and unnecessary dispute," Larson read from a letter that accompanied the material.

"I am always hopeful, but I am not overly optimistic," Larson said in an earlier interview.

"This has to stop, this loop-the-loop of this county saying, 'I'm not going to deal with it. ... I don't have to worry about it right now, that's going to be some other supervisor down the road who's going to have to worry about it.' That is the concern I have," Lar-

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Two women embrace outside Rancho Tehama Elementary School, where a gunman opened fire Tuesday in Corning.

GUNMAN TARGETS PEOPLE AT RANDOM

He shoots at school, other subjects, killing 4 and wounding 10 in tiny Tehama County town

By Don Thompson and Paul Elias
The Associated Press

RANCHO TEHAMA RESERVE » A gunman driving stolen vehicles and choosing his targets at random opened fire "without provocation" in a tiny, rural Northern California town Tuesday, killing four people and wounding at least 10 others, including a student at an elementary school, before police shot him dead, authorities said.

The rampage began shortly before 8 a.m. when the gunman fatally shot a neighbor he had been accused of stabbing in January, Tehama County Assistant Sheriff Phil Johnston said.

Shortly afterward, the gunman rammed through the gate of Rancho Tehama Elementary School about 2 miles away and spent about six minutes shooting into the building, striking at least one student, Johnston said.

Surveillance video showed the gunman, who

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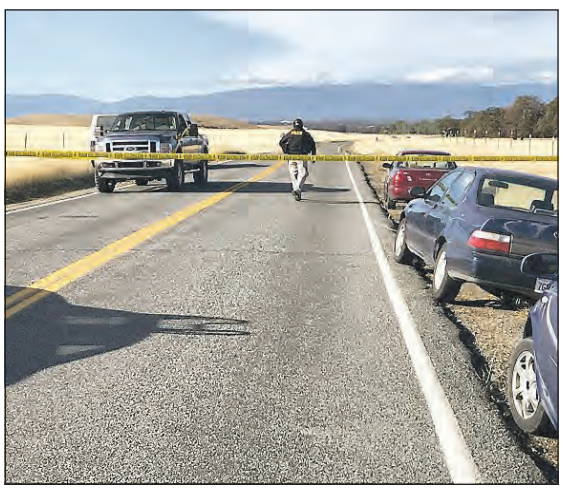
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Crime tape blocks off Rancho Tehama Road leading into the Rancho Tehama subdivision south of Red Bluff following the shootings.

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Ohio Sen. Rob Portman is on the Senate Finance Committee, which is tying an Obamacare mandate repeal to tax reform legislation.

GOP to add Obamacare repeal effort to tax plan

Senate committee's surprise decision angers Democrats

By Marcy Gordon
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Senate Republicans are intent on scrapping the Affordable Care Act's requirement that Americans get health insurance, targeting a repeal of the individual mandate to help finance deep tax cuts in their tax overhaul.

The surprise renewal Tuesday of the failed effort to scrap the law's mandate came a day after President Donald Trump renewed pressure on GOP lawmakers to include the repeal in their tax legislation. It has sharp political stakes for Trump, who lacks a major legislative achievement after nearly 10 months in office.

The move by Republicans on the Senate Finance Committee upended the debate over the tax measure just as it was inching closer to passage following months of fine-tuning and compromise. It turned the debate into an angry partisan referendum on health care and President Barack Obama's signature law.

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UCLA BASKETBALL

LiAngelo Ball, teammates home after shoplifting arrests in China

Ball

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Through a swarm of reporters shouting questions and snapping photos, UCLA basketball players LiAngelo Ball, Cody Riley and Jalen Hill were shepherded into a black van on the departures level of LAX on Tuesday.

After a 12-hour flight from Shanghai, they were still dressed in their official gunmetal gray UCLA sweatsuits with their blue UCLA backpacks.

The three freshmen returned to Los Angeles one week after being arrested for allegedly shoplifting at a high-end shopping center in Hangzhou, China.

ESPN reported that police had surveillance footage of the players committing the crimes at three stores in

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